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TO: Secretary of State

NO: 988, October 4, 7 p.m.

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Reference: DEPTTEL 751.

Embassy considers Japanese are not likely be affected by actions US contemplates taking concerning shipping with Cuba as outlined reference telegram. Without revealing exact nature contemplated US action, Embassy requested assistance GOJ Foreign Office to obtain best information on practices Japanese shipping. Acting Director Economic Affairs Bureau (Nakayama) promised have his staff look into matter. On October 4, staff level Foreign Office advised Embassy no Japanese flag vessel has engaged in carriage of arms or ammunition to Cuba from January 1961 to present. Only one case from January 1961 to date of indirect shipment of Soviet bloc goods of any description on Japanese flag vessel. This occurred in November 1961 when Cargo of sardines and fish oil valued at \$17,700 shipped from USSR (Nahodka) to Hokkaido where this cargo transshipped to Japanese flag vessel bound for Cuba. No case of direct Soviet bloc-Cuba movement Japanese flag vessel during this period.

Foreign Office said it assumed US aware GOJ has no regulations which prohibit possible involvement Japanese flag vessels but noted that Japanese shipowners quite obviously aware sensitivity

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sensitivity Cuban situation and unlikely take "risks."

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